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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koji AOKI

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For: WIRING BOARD AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREOF, AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 11, 2006 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant
provisionally elects Species I-2, Figures 1-3 and 5-7, with traverse.

At least independent claim 2 and its dependent claims 6, 10 and 14 read on species I-
2. At least independent claim 3 is generic to species I-2. Thus, at least claim 3, and its
dependent claim 7, 11 and 15 should be examined with claims 2, 6, 10 and 14.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently
related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a
search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that
the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.
See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire
application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits,
even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is

respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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